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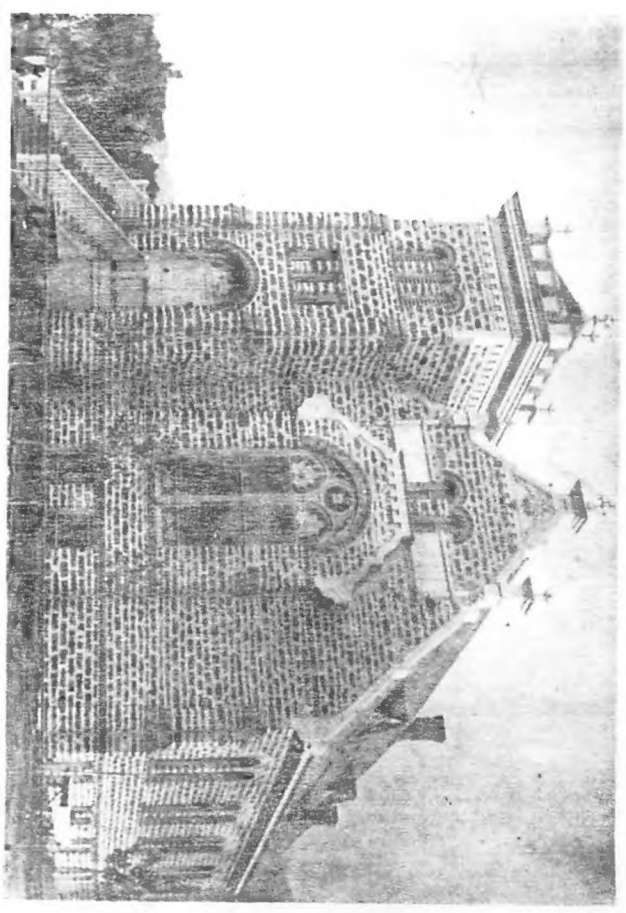
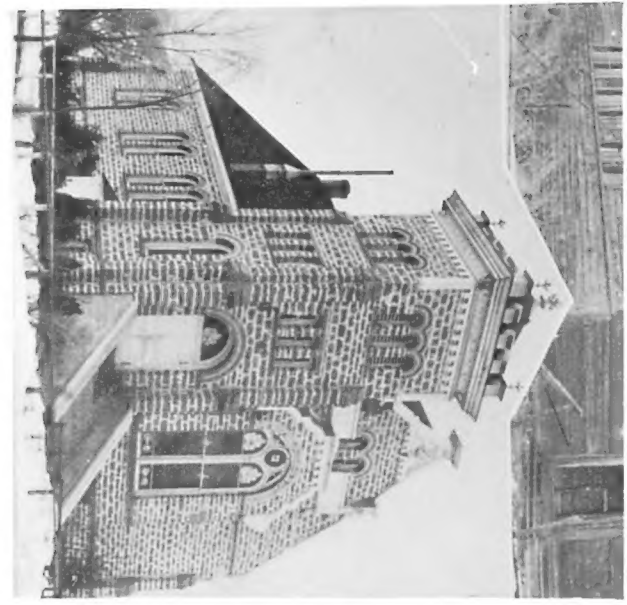
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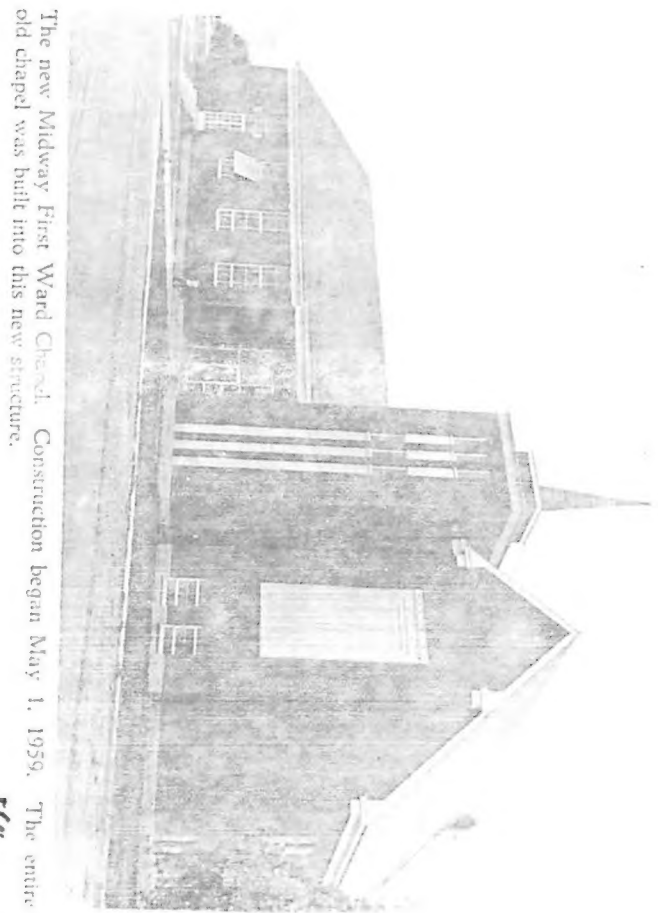
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The Peoples' Roller Mill



The original Midway First Ward Chapel dedicated in 1914. When the new chapel was built years later this portion was incorporated in the new building.

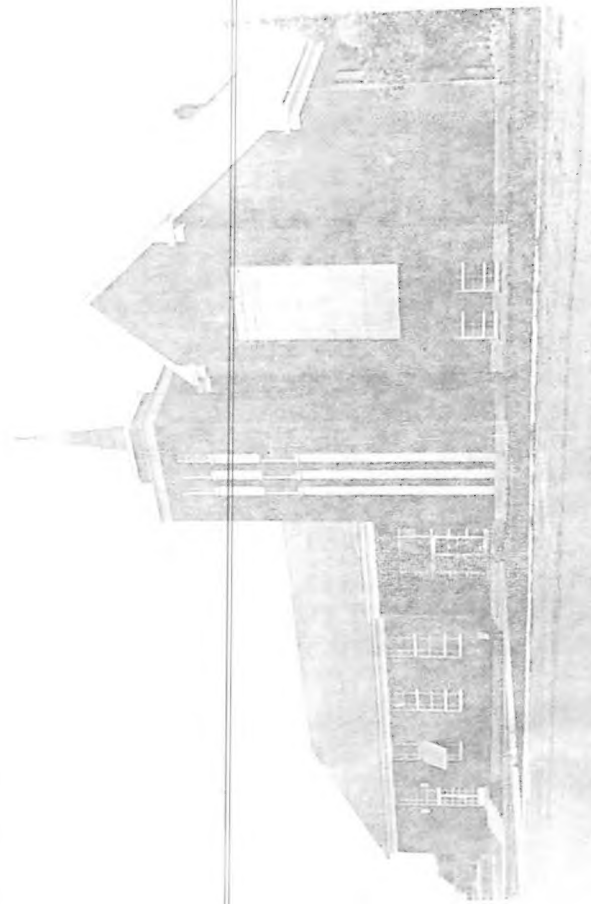


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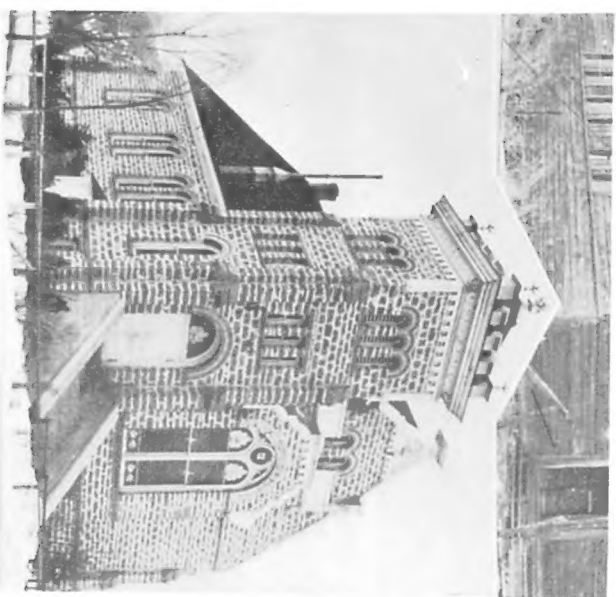
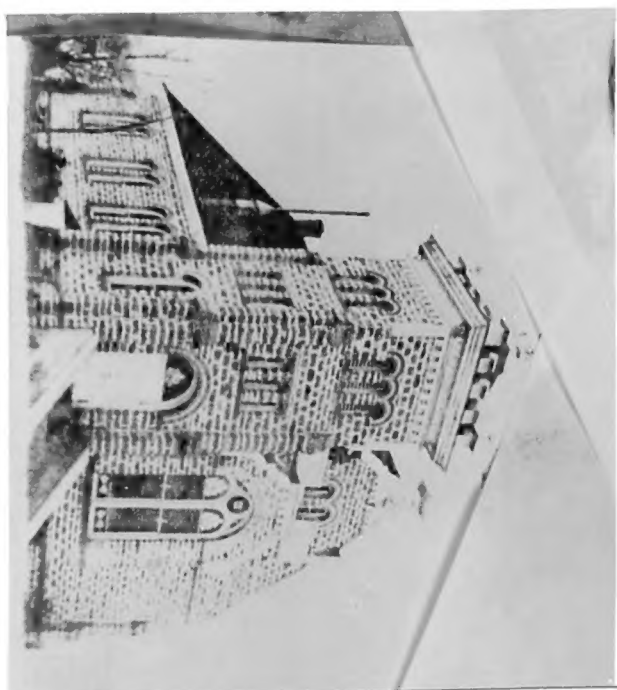
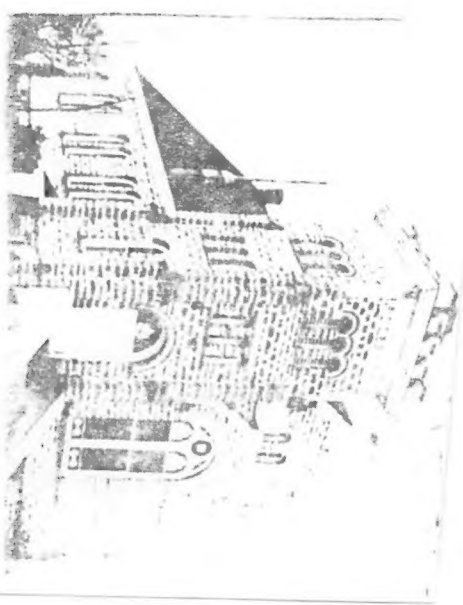
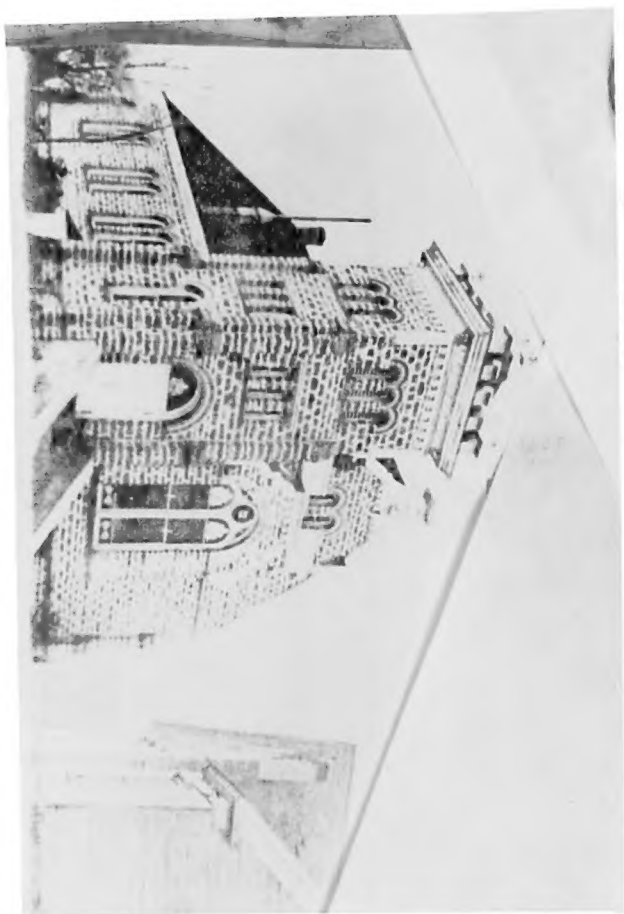


Bishopric of the Midway First Ward, sustained April 24, 1955. From left to right, Bishop Burton, Van Wagner, Leland Ivers and Ray Peyer, counselors and Layman Hain, clerk.

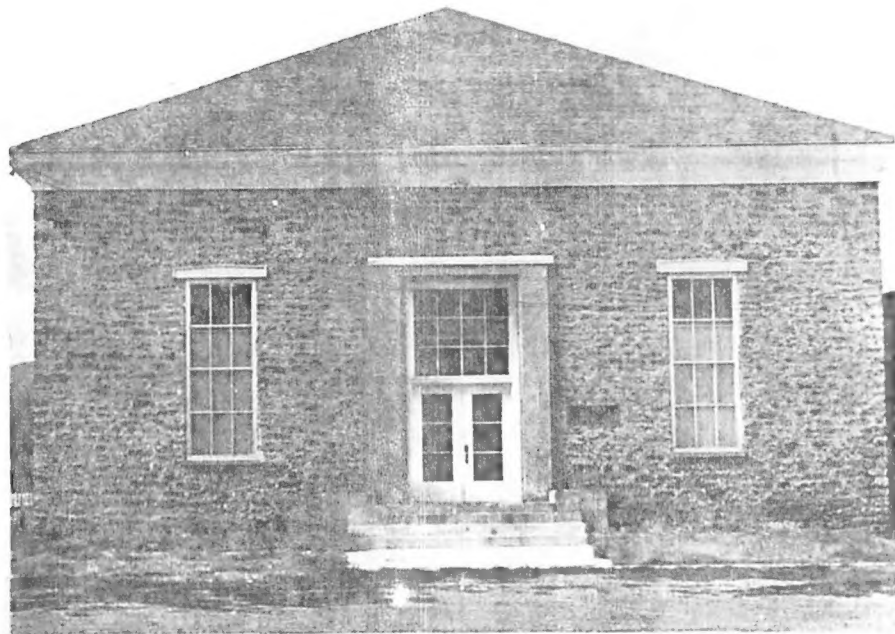
May 1, 1959, a remodeling job was begun on the old chapel, the old building to be used for a recreational hall and classrooms. A new auditorium, Relief Society room, offices, foyer, and other rooms are on the side of the old chapel. The entire structure is faced with red brick. The old tower was removed and a new steeple built according to modern architecture. The cost of the building was \$182,000.



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Midway First Ward



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nothing of war or crop failures which might make it impossible to obtain food or clothing. After careful consideration and study, the Welfare Program was outlined by the Church. It is carried on in the wards under the direction of the bishoprics and representatives from the Relief Society and quorums.

Under this plan each family is asked to store enough food and clothing to last a year. The surplus to be stored in a central storage house.

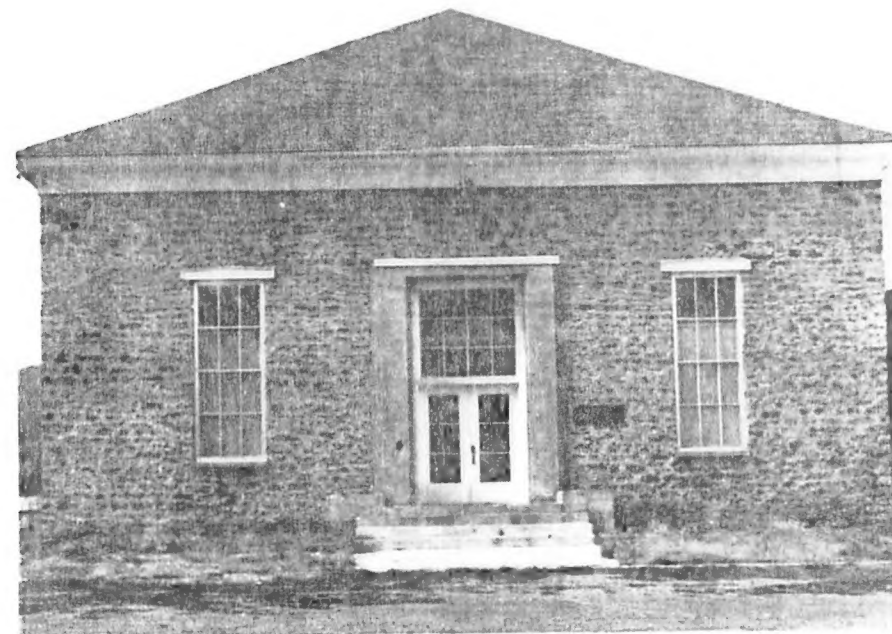
The Stake Presidency and bishoprics of Wasatch County decided to use the old amusement hall which had been idle for several years and use it for canning and a place of storage for Wasatch Stake.

It was therefore renovated to fit the needs of the people, a new heating system was installed along with boilers, etc., for canning purposes and places built for storage. It is equipped and modern in every way to carry out the Lord's plan of Church Welfare.

Wasatch Stake also owns a very modern up-to-date dairy farm. As there is not sufficient hay raised for the number of cows, each ward has to contribute hay and grain. For this reason the Midway First Ward purchased 32 acres of farming ground from Floyd Bonner where their share of hay and grain are produced. The Midway 2nd Ward leases ground each year for the same purpose.

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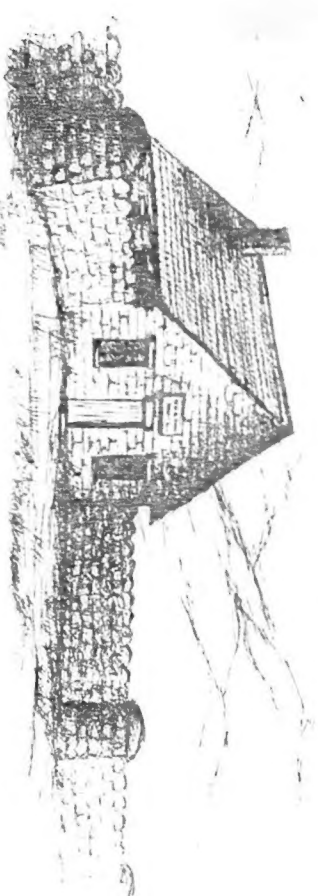
Midway Amusement Hall → Bishop's Storehouse



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About the same time in 1886 a new tithing office was built. It was also built of native rock and measured 24 by 32 ft. with a small bellry on the north end. It was located where Reed Kohler's residence now stands. There was a root cellar underneath the building where potatoes, vegetables, etc., paid as tithing were stored. The back part was used as a granary for grains paid in tithing. At this time much of the tithing was paid in produce.

The front room was still used for various types of meetings and as an extra class room for Sunday School and Primary. The Relief Society also met there for many years. In the back part of the lot was the tithing hay barn. It was a great problem many times for the Bishop to convert the produce into cash before spoilage took place.



The old Midway Tithing Office as depicted in a sketch by artist Bill Whittaker

1888 was a very dry year for Provo Valley. Many of the old springs dried up. On June 11 there was no water at all in the Provo River bed between Midway and Heber. Because of the drought, there was only two-thirds of a crop raised in Midway.

In January, 1893 Bishop Van Wagoner asked for a release as Bishop of Midway Ward. January 29, 1893 John Watkins was ordained Bishop by Apostle John Henry Smith and Alvah J. Alexander, 1st Counselor, Conrad Abbeglen, 2nd Counselor, John Huber, ward clerk and chorister.

At the Saturday session of stake conference held January 26 the Midway Choir sang four request numbers.

On the evening of January 27, after the close of the stake conference, Apostle John Henry Smith came to Midway with President Hatch and dedicated the new meeting house.



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